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Allen Dulles To Be New Head of CIA

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THIS CAPITAL WHICH has witnessed so much fierce infighting for power is soon to see a most interesting experiment in shared family responsibility. John Foster Dulles, the new Secretary of State, is now hard at work putting together his team of assistant secretaries and diplomats. Unless there is a last minute change of plan, John Foster's brother, Allen, will become head of the Central Intelligence Agency.



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In the five years of its existence the CIA has made a start toward becoming a powerful agency in the field of foreign policy although its activities are screened by close secrecy. Its primary function is the gathering of military and diplomatic intelligence from every corner of the world and appraising this intelligence for the benefit of top policy makers. Weekly CIA reports on the situation in the world have been going to President-elect Eisenhower since his nomination.

In addition the CIA initiates what is sometimes called "black propaganda." This activity—to throw communism off balance at strategic points by direct action—is even more hush-hush.

The present head of CIA is General Walter Bedell Smith, who is to be Undersecretary of State. Allen Dulles has been his chief assistant. To this assignment Allen, who is Foster's junior by five years, has brought imagination and zeal plus a willingness to adventure that has made some more conservative men in the Government extremely nervous.

When Smith moves over to the State Department, Dulles will become acting head of CIA. The present intention of Eisenhower and his planning staff is to appoint him head of that agency at a later date.

THIS SHOULD MAKE for the closest cooperation between State, where foreign policy is made, and CIA, which supplies the raw material for policy as well as acting in greatest secrecy as an instrumentality of policy. Both the brothers Dulles might be called "activists" in foreign policy. They have been skeptical of the passivity of containing communism.

Allen Dulles Is Reported Slated As Head of Central Intelligence

Secretary of State's Brother
Would Coordinate Secret
and Open Cold War

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 22—Allen W. Dulles of New York was reported today to be definitely slated for appointment by President Eisenhower as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, thus putting in the hands of two brothers the direction of open and secret foreign policy designed to win the "cold war" against communism.

Allen Dulles is the brother of John Foster Dulles, the new Secretary of State. He would take the place of Gen. Walter Bedell Smith as C. I. A. chief. General Smith is retiring from the Army, effective Feb. 1, and, as a civilian, will become Under Secretary of State under John Foster Dulles.

This series of shifts would give the C. I. A. and the State Department an interlocking relationship that should insure better coordination of the overseas activities of both agencies. There long has been criticism of both agencies because they did not always coincide on important foreign objectives and thus mobilize the full power of this Government toward achieving a common goal.

"First Line of Defense"

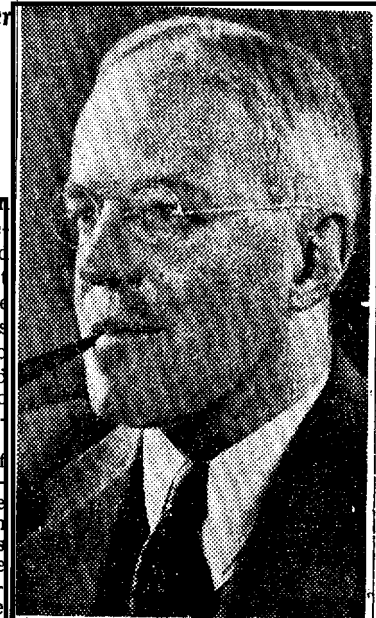
The Central Intelligence Agency often has been called the nation's first line of defense because it is the central collecting agency for receiving and evaluating American intelligence from abroad. Its director, in conjunction with other governmental officials, has the responsibility of advising the President and the National Security Council on the capabilities and intentions of the Soviet Union and its satellites in every part of the globe.

By law the C. I. A. operates under secrecy provisions unparalleled for any Government agency in time of peace, with Congress willing to provide or withhold funds largely because of the degree of confidence the agency head commands from a majority of the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Allen Dulles has been Deputy C. I. A. Director during the final seventeen months of the Truman Administration, and would have been recommended by General Smith as his successor whether the Republicans or the Democrats won the 1952 election. Although he played an active role in the 1948 campaign of Governor Dewey as the Republican Presidential nominee, Allen Dulles, like his brother, was acceptable to the Truman Administration.

He has been active in American intelligence activities for several years, having served during World War II as European Director for the Office of Strategic Services with headquarters in neutral Switzerland, from which he played a major role in directing spies operating against both Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. In 1948, he was named to a special committee by the late James Forrestal, the first Secretary of Defense, to coordinate civilian and military intelligence.

Allen W. Dulles



Long a Diplomat

Born in Watertown, N. Y., in 1893, Allen Dulles is five years younger than his brother, the Secretary of State.

He was graduated from Princeton University in 1914 and studied law at George Washington University. Immediately after he left school, he taught English for one year at Allahabad, India. In 1916 he entered the diplomatic service of the State Department. His first post was in Vienna. Later he served at Berne, at the Paris Peace Conference at the end of World War I, and in the embassy at Berlin after the war.

He served for four years as Chief of the Division of Near Eastern Affairs in the State Department, from 1922 to 1926, during the administrations of Presidents Harding and Coolidge, and during this period participated in the general disarmament and naval limitation conferences at Geneva.

He left the State Department in 1926 to become associated with the New York law firm Sullivan and Cromwell. He returned to Government service when the Office of Strategic Services was organized by Maj. Gen. William Donovan. He returned to private law practice after the war, but resumed service with the C. I. A. in November, 1950. He has been Deputy C. I. A. Director since August, 1951.